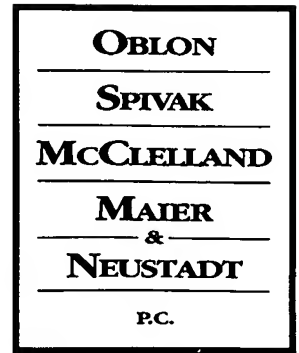




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Applicants: Thomas HERMANN, et al.  
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THE OTSA GENE  
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Examiner: KERR

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 3, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-6, 10-22, 27 and 42-45, drawn to polynucleotides encoding OtsA transcriptional regulator protein and related products and methods.